

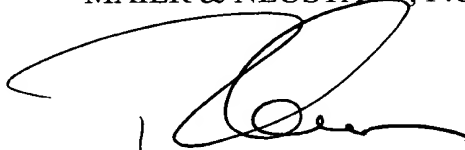
matter has been entered.

REMARKS

The present application is a Continuation of Application Serial Number 08/952,820, now allowed. In view of the allowability of the claims in the parent case, which relate to compositions comprising the live lactic acid bacteria noted in the pending claims herein, it is submitted that the pending claims are similarly allowable. Early examination and allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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